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Title of the Invention: **Aggregate Activation System**
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Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A licensing method for digital and analog devices and software where each licensee becomes a licensor for other devices which want to communicate with the licensee.
2. A licensing method for digital and analog devices and software where each licensee becomes a global licensor for all devices which want to communicate with each other.
3. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions for storing, retrieving, deleting, modifying, and communicating the names of licensees and related information.
4. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions for verifying the validity of the conferred licenses and establishing communications through exchange of information between the devices which passed the license onto each other.
5. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions for verifying the validity of the conferred licenses and establishing communications through the exchange of information among the devices which derived the license from a global source.
6. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions for synchronizing the communication of licensed information among the licensees.
7. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions for viewing by the licensee parts of the information or content provided by the licensor to the licensee.

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8. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions that allow the licensor to determine what parts of the information provided by the licensor to the licensee can each licensee access.
9. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions that allow the licensor to determine the identities, real or fictitious, of the licensees for the purpose of providing parts of the content set forth in claim 8.
10. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions that allow the licensor to become a licensee of his licensee who thus become the licensor for his licensee.
11. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further include functions that allow the licensor to provide parts of the content set forth in claim 8. under the functions set forth in claim 10.
12. The licensing methods set forth in claims 1. and 2. which further uses a system of keywords to identify the relationship between or among the licensors and licensees, where a keyword may either uniquely define a connection between two users, or explicitly define connections among the users who are identified by the same keyword.